

WAC 314-03-505 Temporary endorsement for sale of premixed cocktails, cocktail kits, wine by the glass, premixed wine and spirits cocktails, or premixed wine drinks through curbside, takeout, or delivery service. (1) As authorized in section 2, chapter 48, Laws of 2021, the temporary endorsement described in this section is available until July 1, 2023, unless extended by law. There is no fee for a licensee to apply for and obtain this endorsement.

(2) Consistent with section 2(3) and (4), chapter 48, Laws of 2021:

(a) An endorsement is available to spirits, beer, and wine restaurants to sell premixed cocktails, cocktail kits, wine by the glass, or premixed wine and spirits cocktails through curbside, takeout, or delivery service. This endorsement does not authorize the sale of full bottles of spirits for off-premises consumption, although mini-bottles may be sold as part of cocktail kits. Consistent with section 2(3), chapter 48, Laws of 2021, mini-bottle sales as part of cocktail kits are exempt from the spirits license issuance fee under RCW 66.24.630 (4)(a) and the tax on each retail sale of spirits under RCW 82.08.150.

(b) An endorsement is also available to beer and wine restaurant licensees to sell wine or premixed wine drinks by the glass through curbside, takeout, or delivery service.

(3) In order to obtain and maintain the endorsement described in this section, licensees must meet the following requirements:

(a)(i) For spirits, beer, and wine restaurants, food that qualifies as a complete meal under WAC 314-02-010 must be sold with the premixed cocktails, cocktail kits, wine by the glass, or premixed wine and spirits cocktails authorized for sale through curbside, takeout, or delivery service under this endorsement. Spirits, beer, and wine restaurants can sell up to 3 ounces of spirits per complete meal.

(ii) For beer and wine restaurants, a food item that qualifies as minimum food service under WAC 314-02-010 must be sold with the wine or premixed wine drinks by the glass authorized for sale through curbside, takeout, or delivery service under this endorsement.

(b) The alcohol products authorized for sale through curbside, takeout, or delivery service under this endorsement must be prepared the same day they are sold.

(c) The alcohol products authorized for sale through curbside, takeout, or delivery service under this endorsement must be packaged in a container that has been sealed in a manner designed to prevent consumption without removal of the tamper-evident lid, cap, or seal. For the purposes of this subsection, "tamper-evident" means a lid, cap, or seal that visibly demonstrates when a container has been opened. Tape is not a tamper-evident seal. The following list of examples is not comprehensive and is not intended to capture all of the possible types of allowed or disallowed containers:

(i) Examples of containers that are allowed:

(A) Containers with a screw top cap or lid that breaks apart when the container is opened.

(B) Containers with a plastic heat shrink wrap band, strip, or sleeve extending around the cap or lid to form a seal that must be broken when the container is opened.

(C) Vacuum or heat-sealed pouches without holes or openings for straws.

(ii) Examples of containers that are not allowed:

(A) Containers with lids with sipping holes or openings for straws.

(B) Containers such as styrofoam, paper, or plastic cups that lack a tamper-evident lid, cap, or seal.

(d) The containers that the alcohol products authorized for sale under this endorsement are packaged in must be clearly marked or labeled with the words "CONTAINS ALCOHOL, FOR PERSONS 21+" in a size and manner that is legible and readily visible. If a container of alcohol authorized for sale under this endorsement is enclosed inside a bag, box, or other packaging before it is provided to the customer through curbside, takeout, or delivery service, the exterior of the bag, box, or other packaging must be clearly marked or labeled with the words "CONTAINS ALCOHOL, FOR PERSONS 21+" in a size and manner that is legible and readily visible.

(e) To deter public consumption or consumption in a vehicle of premixed cocktails, cocktail kits, wine by the glass, premixed wine and spirits cocktails, and premixed wine drinks sold through curbside, takeout, or delivery service, licensees may not put ice directly into the containers that the alcohol products authorized for sale under this endorsement are packaged in, except for frozen or blended drinks. Ice may be provided separately along with the curbside, takeout, or delivery order.

(f) The premixed cocktails, cocktail kits, wine by the glass, premixed wine and spirits cocktails, and premixed wine drinks authorized for sale through curbside, takeout, or delivery service under this endorsement must be placed in the trunk of the vehicle or beyond the immediate reach of the driver or any passengers in compliance with open container requirements in RCW 46.61.519 before being transported off the licensee's premises.

(g) If the premixed cocktails, cocktail kits, wine by the glass, premixed wine and spirits cocktails, and premixed wine drinks authorized for sale under this endorsement are sold through delivery service:

(i) Licensees must comply with the requirements in the consumer orders, internet sales, and delivery rules in this title, except to the extent that those rules allow delivery by third-party service providers and prohibit the sale of nonfactory sealed containers. For these requirements, see WAC 314-03-020 through 314-03-040.

(ii) Delivery must be made by an employee of the licensed business who is at least twenty-one years of age and holds a class 12 mandatory alcohol server training (MAST) permit under chapter 314-17 WAC. Delivery may not be made by third-party service providers.

(iii) At the time of delivery, the employee making the delivery must verify that the person receiving the delivery is at least twenty-one years of age using an acceptable form of identification in WAC 314-11-025. See RCW 66.44.270.

(iv) Consistent with section 2(9), chapter 48, Laws of 2021, upon delivery of the alcohol product, the signature of the person age twenty-one or over receiving the delivery must be obtained. Delivery sales records must meet the requirements in the consumer orders, internet sales, and delivery rules. For general record retention requirements, see WAC 314-11-095.

(v) If no person age twenty-one or over is present to accept the alcohol product at the time of delivery, the alcohol product must be returned. An alcohol product may not be left unattended at a delivery location.

(vi) Delivery of an alcohol product may not be made to any person who shows signs of intoxication. See RCW 66.44.200.

(h)(i) In addition to the signs required by WAC 314-11-060, signs provided electronically by the board regarding public consumption and transportation of any alcohol products sold through curbside, takeout, or delivery service must be posted in plain view at:

(A) The main entrance to the area of the premises where alcohol products are sold; and

(B) The areas of the premises where alcohol products are picked up for takeout, curbside, or delivery service.

(ii) The signs will be designed to remind customers purchasing alcohol products through curbside, takeout, or delivery service that they must comply with applicable laws and rules including, but not limited to, restrictions on consuming alcohol in public in RCW 66.44.100 and restrictions on drinking or having an open container in a vehicle in RCW 46.61.519.

(4) In addition to the requirements listed in this section, licensees must comply with all applicable requirements in Title 66 RCW, Title 314 WAC, and any other applicable laws and rules including, but not limited to, restrictions on sales to minors and intoxicated persons in chapter 66.44 RCW and WAC 314-16-150.

(5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(a) "Alcohol product" or "alcoholic beverage" means liquor as defined in RCW 66.04.010.

(b) "Mini-bottles" has the same meaning as defined in section 2(10), chapter 48, Laws of 2021: Original factory-sealed containers holding not more than 50 milliliters of a spirituous beverage.

(c) "Premixed cocktail" means a drink made by combining spirits with other alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages and ingredients including, but not limited to, fruit juice, carbonated beverages, flavorings, or cream.

(d) "Premixed wine and spirits cocktail" means a drink made by combining wine and spirits with other alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages and ingredients including, but not limited to, fruit juice, carbonated beverages, flavorings, or cream.

(e) "Premixed wine drink" means a drink made by combining wine with nonalcoholic beverages and ingredients including, but not limited to, fruit juice, carbonated beverages, flavorings, or cream. A pre-mixed wine drink may not include alcoholic beverages other than wine.

(f) "Spirits" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 66.04.010.

(g) "Wine" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 66.04.010.

(6) This section expires July 1, 2023, pursuant to section 2(11), chapter 48, Laws of 2021, unless extended by law.

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